

BREAKERS LOOM UP AHEAD FOR JOE TINKER AND HIS CHICAGO CUBS BALL TEAM IN 1916

DISSENSION IN CUBS' CAMP SEVERE BLOW TO TINKER'S PENNANT-WINNING AMBITION

Fining of Zabel Has Had Disastrous Effect on Chicago National League Club at Tampa, Florida

The gentleman who predicted that the Chicago Cubs would never win a pennant under the management of Joe Tinker because of internal troubles evidently had an inside tip.

Pitcher Zabel, who was with the Cubs last season under the leadership of Roger Bresnahan, arrived at Tampa later than the other players and was fined by Joe Tinker.

Immediately the old Cubs waxed excessively angry, openly declaring that Tinker was showing marked favoritism to the former Federal Leaguers on the rejuvenated Cubs' team.

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Cubs Have Always Been Unruly Crowd

Even back in the halcyon days of Frank Chance in Chicago the Cubs were always hard to handle. It is true that Chance managed them, but no one else has been able to curb them since, although Hank O'Day, Johnny Evers and Bresnahan have had a try.

Chance was successful because he ruled with a chrome-steel hand. He was the von Hindenburg of baseball. He never allowed the least sentiment to creep into his handling of men.

Bresnahan's poor success with the Cubs was due to his own hot temper and failure to handle himself as well as to his inability to manage the other players. He was always in an argument with the umpire or the players.

Harmony Essential to Any Club's Success

There has never been a pennant won in either the National or American League without harmony, no matter whether it was natural or enforced. Every one in this city realizes that lack of harmony during the regime of Charley Doolin was the reason why the Phillies were unable to win.

Disension ruined Connie Mack's great pennant machine and caused him to tear it to pieces rather than to allow it to disintegrate. As long as there was no factionalism in the Athletics' ranks they won pennants, but as soon as disension started the team began to show weakness, the climax of which were the four straight defeats administered the White Elephants by the Boston Braves in 1914.

Athletes Sore at Local Treatment

Athletes of Boston, New York and some of the colleges from Cornell and Yale have returned to their homes from the Meadowbrook indoor meet at the Convention Hall, disgruntled and characterizing certain features of Saturday night's record-breaking affair as the limit of mismanagement.

Some of the star athletes, who have competed for years in all sections of the land, bore out the writer's opinion that there has never before been presented such a comprehensive program, such perfect equipment for the athletes and so much time and money expended to make their visit and their competition both pleasurable and profitable.

Officials Are Said to Be to Blame

The fly in the ointment is the failure of the conducting officials to measure up to their work. The task was too great for them, and completely walked away with them. This was noticeable in the manner in which the program was shifted, athletes permitted to sit in the dressing rooms without notification, while the handicapping was distinctly poor.

This was especially noted in the shot-put, the mile and three-mile and a number of the short distance events. In the mile event, Mike Devanny, of the New York A. C., refused to run because the handicaps were so heavily set against him that he would have been forced to have broken the world's indoor record to win.

In the second event, Howard Berry, of Penn., who could not by any stretch of the imagination be regarded as better than a 4:35 miler, was given just half as much handicap as Potter and Hoffmire, of Cornell, two of the best college milers in America, both of whom should have been on the scratch.

Hutchinson Was Made the Goat

Reggie Hutchinson, of Yale, a Philadelphia boy, brother of Danny Hutchinson, the former Penn athlete, was made the goat of the poor handicapping. Hutchinson won that event with a handicap of 11 feet 6 inches, an allowance so great that even though Pete Maxfield broke the A. A. U. indoor record with 59 feet 3 inches he was unable to get a place.

It has generally been the custom, and we believe the duty, of the handicapper to study the records of all the men in competition; and with more than a week from the closing of entry time to ascertain their ability, he should not trust to chance and the statements of the athletes as to their ability for allotting handicaps.

Athletes Were Not Notified of Events

Cornell's complaint arose mainly because of the fact that Potter, Hoffmire, Beckwith and Rogers, its quartet of star milers, were permitted to sit in their dressing rooms without notification until after the race had been run. The same complaint was made in the preparatory school relay championships. The program had been juggled, and the Bethlehem Preparatory School relay team came out for its event at the proper time and in proper order, only to find that the event had already been run.

It is to be hoped that the wonderful work of the Meadowbrook organization will not go for naught and that the collegians and clubmen who are disgruntled with the handling of the affair and their special treatment by the A. A. U. officials will not withdraw their patronage next season. The local club has set a standard for track meets indoors that will be difficult to emulate anywhere, and it deserves the very best at the hands of athletes and patrons of the sport.

KELLY—THE NUISANCE



ART SMITH, EXPERT TRAINER, SEES WILLARD WORK—DECLARES HE IS IN SPLENDID SHAPE

Jess Goes Through Long, Hard Grind All Day Getting Ready for Bout With Moran

By ART SMITH (Track coach at University of Maine and candidate for trainer of Penn team.) ALL the stories about Jess Willard not being in good physical condition for his fight with Frank Moran at Madison Square Garden, March 25, are all wrong.

I saw Willard punch the bag, box seven rounds, wrestle with the Terrible Turk, work the polley machine, do bending exercises while lying on the floor and throw the medicine ball in a manner that, to my mind, indicated excellent condition. In his boxing with Walter Monahan he worked at top speed and showed that he has become much more clever with the gloves than he was a year ago, when he defeated Jack Johnson at Havana.

The champion is really working hard and the results of his training are easily seen, even to one who is not expert. He is a big man, and while it is true that he does carry a small amount of fat on his stomach, it is also true that it is sure to disappear by the date set for his bout with Moran, providing he continues to carry out his present daily program of hard training.

I noted particularly that while boxing with Monahan after having had the gloves on with both Hemple and the Boer he did not show signs of fatigue, such as one would be expected to see after reading the numerous stories about his poor condition, of his non-aggressive style of training.



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reading the numerous stories about his poor condition, of his non-aggressive style of training. Also, I noticed that the big fellow has his heart and soul wrapped up in his work and that in every effort he has manifested a degree of seriousness that is bound to bring him into the ring on the night of the big fight in perfect condition.

RECORD OF CHAMPION JESS WILLARD AND HIS OPPONENT, FRANK MORAN

Table with columns for Year, Total Fights, K.O., Won, Lost, etc. for both Willard and Moran.

BASEBALL LEAGUE FORMED

Schuylkill Valley Organization to Embrace Five Towns

The Schuylkill Valley Baseball League, comprising six teams and embracing five towns in the valley, was organized at the Hotel Hartman here.

Washington Club Signs Southwax

Bresnahan May Get Falkenberg

PLAYGROUNDS PLAN MEET

Gymnastic Championships Scheduled for March 24 and 25

The Philadelphia Playground Athletic League will hold its third interplayground gymnastic championship meet at Athletic Recreation Center, 26th and Master streets, Friday, March 24, 7:15 to 10:30 p. m.

Greys May Play Against Swenson

College Adopts Two-Spart Rule

Champion Has But Little Fat; Will Take It Off Before Date Set for Big Mill

It is well for an athlete to be in ten days previous to his match. He carries just enough fat to enable him to work at top speed right up until the day of the fight without any danger of overtraining.

He could fight 10 or 15 good fast rounds right now, so there need be very little anxiety over his ability to go at top speed for the entire distance a week from Saturday night.

One noticeable indication of an athlete's physical condition is very often expressed in the manner in which he becomes irritable or cranky at times, particularly when he is nearing the stage of perfect condition.

A close study of the champion in his training quarters, stripped for action and down to hard work, will convince anybody that he really looks good, and barring accidents, will be "right" a week from Saturday night.

JASPER TRIMS TRENTON IN FINAL LEAGUE GAME

Hough, of Losing Five, Feature of Closing Circuit Match

Jasper defeated Trenton last night at Nottoway Hall in the final game of the season for both teams by a 27-20 score.

The result was never in doubt. From the start the Jew got the jump on the opposition and held the upper hand until the finish. At the end of the first half Jasper led by 15 to 3, and retained this seven-point margin during the second half.

Wins Junior Polo Title for 1916

National A. C. Tomorrow Night

Young Erne vs. Mike O'Dowd

Quaker City

JOHNNY EVERS HAS OFTEN BEEN INJURED ON THE BALL FIELD

Has Had Both Arms and Legs Broken on Diamond Besides Many Spike Wounds and Minor Cuts

By GRANTLAND RICE

The Punch vs. the Pen (Reentered in line with the \$71,500 purse offered Willard and Moran.)

When Homer (as one said before us) began to beat his bloomin' tyr. He cut in with a snarl of scorn.

R. Bavis was there in all directions; He had the stuff all thirteen ways; He cheered his typical confessions; And he snatched another hit with praise.

You know, O. Reader, how Byronie The deathless songs that we have sung; Or how we draw a pulsing tonic; Typhoidly from the Mother Tongue;

After perusing the written dope of experts who are on the inside of affairs and should know, we discover the following: That Willard will make a pale mark out of Moran.

"You say," writes a rabid non-combatant, "that Evers has had a lot of hard luck. He has never had any one tell me yet. Most of his absences from the game have been due to his constant heaving on the field."

That depends upon what you mean by "injured very little." Evers has had both arms and both legs broken in ball games; he has been spilled and cut from his ear to his heel.

And he has also furnished his share of the sort of oratory the results in view from the day's peppery festivities.

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NEWS FROM THE COLLEGE WORLD

The question of what makes a college athlete a baseball player is a controversial one, but it is settled at Yale, but it has not been settled at the university.

There is another end to the middle in the case of "Dudley" Watson and Johnson, respectively pitcher and substitute pitcher for Yale last season. They played all summer on the Columbia team, and the Yale officials a short time ago said that they would be found on the Yale nine this season.

Coach Nelson T. Metcalf, of the Columbia football team, believes that football should be a team game, and that such things as technique in the game, in fact, are intended to secure on that point.

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Miss Bjurstedt in Final

Vaughn to Lead Yale Nine

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